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1. THOSE POSTS WHOSE HOST GOVERNMENTS ARE IN VARIOUS STAGES OF MOVEMENT TOWARD RECOGNIZING OR ESTABLISHING DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET- NAM SHOULD, AT THE EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY, INFORM THOSE GOVERNMENTS OF OUR CONCERN OVER CONTINUING DRV/ PRG CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS. YOU SHOULD EXPLAIN TO HOST GOVERNMENTS AT APPROPRIATELY HIGH LEVELS, THAT WE HAVE EVIDENCE NORTH VIET- NAM IS PRESENTLY ENGAGED IN A MASSIVE MOVEMENT; OF MEN AND SUPPLIES INTO SOUTH VIET- NAM -- IN VIOLATION OF THE VIET- NAM AGREEMENT. YOU SHOULD STRESS THAT OUR ATTITUDE TOWARD CLOSER RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET- NAM IS PREDICATED ON ITS PERFORMANCE IN RESPECT TO THE AGREEMENT. UNTIL HANOI DEMONSTRATES ITS WILLINGNESS TO ABIDE BY THE AGREE-

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MENT, RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIET- NAM BY OUR NATO ALLIES
WILL ONLY ENCOURAGE CONTINUED VIOLATIONS AND WILL HINDER
OUR EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH A LASTING PEACE IN INDOCHINA.
YOU SHOULD, THEREFORE, STRONGLY URGE THAT THE GOVERNMENTS
DEFER ANY PLANNED RECOGNITION OR ESTABLISHMENT OF DIPLO-
MATIC RELATIONS WITH NORTH VIET- NAM UNTIL IT CEASES ITS
PRESENT LARGE- SCALE VIOLATIONS OF THE AGREEMENT.

2. WE RECOGNIZE THAT ENVISAGED U. S. APPROACH MAY RESULT
IN PUBLICITY IN THAT GOVERNMENTS MIGHT FEEL THAT THEY
WOULD HAVE TO EXPLAIN THEIR ACTIONS TO PARLIAMENTS AND
PUBLIC. NONETHELESS, WE WOULD PREFER THAT OUR
APPROACHES REMAIN PRIVATE, AT LEAST IN THE IMMEDIATE
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